

THE CZAR A TRIFLE BETTER
WILD RUMORS IN HIS CAPITAL

THE PEOPLE BELIEVE THE EMPEROR
AND GRAND-DUKE GEORGE TO
BE DEAD.

THE CZARINA SUFFERING FROM NERVOUS COL-
LAPSE AND PARTIAL PARALYSIS—HER MIND
ALLEGED TO BE AFFECTED—THE CZAR
SAID TO BE THE VICTIM OF ARSENICAL
POISONING—HAS THE CZAREWITCH
RENOUNCED THE SUCCESSION?

St. Petersburg, Oct. 21.—This official statement sent from Livadia was given out at 8 o'clock: "During the last twenty-four hours the czar has had rather more sleep than on the preceding days. He arose to-day with his usual appetite, is somewhat better generally, and is more composed than yesterday. Otherwise his condition is unchanged."

No confidence is felt by the people in the official announcements. The meagreness of the news has left room for the craziest rumors, which multiply on every street corner and in every cafe. It is said that the Czar is dead and the fact is suppressed, and that the Grand-duke George died two days ago. Official bulletins do not dispel these rumors. The last story is that the Czarina's mind has broken down under her many afflictions. Despite the intensity of the interest in the Czar's condition, the theatres and restaurants are crowded as usual. In the churches throughout Russia prayers have been said to-day for the Czar.

A dispatch from Moscow says that the city is grief-stricken. Nevertheless, the theatres are open. Between the acts this evening the orchestra in every theatre played "God Protect the Czar." The audience stood during the hymn and insisted upon several repetitions of it.

London, Oct. 21.—The Russian Ambassador received a dispatch from Livadia this afternoon, saying that the Czar was much better. This news was communicated to all callers at the Embassy.

High mass was said in the Greek Church here to-day and special prayers were said for the Czar. A dispatch received from St. Petersburg by the Central News this evening says: "Much excitement was caused to-day by widespread reports that the Czar was dead and the news would be suppressed officially until next week, to enable the Princess Alix to declare her adherence to the Greek Church and be married to the Czarwitsch before the announcement. No confirmation of these reports can be obtained. The St. Petersburg journals have been ordered to expunge all bulletins as to the Czar's illness from the copies going to Livadia. Pobedonosoff, Attorney-General of the Holy Synod and one of the Czar's boyhood tutors, started for Livadia yesterday."

The Daily News has this from its Vienna correspondent: "A cipher telegram received here from Russia yesterday declared that it was impossible to send news, except by letter, across the frontier, because the doctors had discovered that the illness is the consequence of arsenic poisoning."

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From St. Petersburg "The News" hears: "The latest advice from Livadia are that, despite the fact that he is out of bed, the Czar's case is hopeless. The doctors have discovered that he has a cancer. In the last ten days he has lost thirty-two pounds. The excitement here and in Moscow is indescribable. The Czar's illness is the consequence of arsenic poisoning. The Paris correspondent of 'The Daily News' discredits the report that the Czarwitsch has renounced the succession. He says that the Czar's illness is the consequence of arsenic poisoning."

The St. Petersburg correspondent of "The Times" sends this dispatch: "There will be no betrothal and an exchange of rings between the Czarwitsch and Princess Alix in Livadia on Wednesday, or perhaps sooner, according to events. Before this time the betrothal and marriage will take place in quick succession. An Imperial manifesto on the subject is expected from Livadia. The betrothal and marriage will take place in quick succession. An Imperial manifesto on the subject is expected from Livadia. The betrothal and marriage will take place in quick succession. An Imperial manifesto on the subject is expected from Livadia."

Warsaw, Oct. 21.—Dispatches from Yalta say that the Czarina is suffering from nervous collapse and paralysis of the legs. Her illness was caused by overwork in the Czar's sickroom, loss of sleep, and constant anxiety. The Grand-duke George has been confined to bed for several days. The Czar's condition is about the same as yesterday.

Berlin, Oct. 21.—The first dispatch of the day concerning the Czar's condition was received here from Yalta, near Livadia, at 11 o'clock. It was substantially as follows: "If the Czar's death should not be hastened by heart failure, owing to recurring spasms, or by apoplexy, both incidental to his malady, the doctors hope to combat the uræmia for some time. Usually the first stage of Bright's disease is marked with convulsions, delirium, and at the last prolonged coma. These symptoms have not set in."

The numerous Imperial princes now at Livadia have been gathered for State as well as family reasons. They will form an interim council, whose composition will be announced soon after the departure of the Czar. The Imperial princes are expected to be: The Czarwitsch, the Grand-duke Michael, Count Palen and Privy Counsellors Solsky, Bunge and Mowviel.

The effect of the first alarming news from Livadia last week was to send Russian securities down seven points on the Berlin and Frankfurt exchanges. During the week the price rose slightly, and at the close yesterday they were firm. The Czar's death is not expected to cause a panic, unless French investors, who are hoarding to hold no less than three hundred millions in Russia, should take alarm and try to unload their holdings.

A Kiel newspaper says the Emperor has ordered that the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern be prepared for a voyage to the Czar's death. The Emperor would make the voyage aboard the Prussian liner. The Emperor receives several dispatches daily from Livadia. The Czar's death is not expected to cause a panic, unless French investors, who are hoarding to hold no less than three hundred millions in Russia, should take alarm and try to unload their holdings.

The "Lokal-Anzeiger" says that, if possible, the marriage of the Czarwitsch and Princess Alix will take place on Tuesday. The Czarina is reported to be in the same condition as yesterday. The Czar's death is not expected to cause a panic, unless French investors, who are hoarding to hold no less than three hundred millions in Russia, should take alarm and try to unload their holdings.

THE WAR MAY SOON END.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE BETWEEN
CHINA AND JAPAN RESUMED.

London, Oct. 21.—The "Graphic" has a dispatch to the effect that the negotiations for peace between China and Japan have been resumed and are likely to be completed soon.

The Tokio correspondent of the Central News says that a special embassy from Korea has arrived in Hiroshima. The Emperor received it yesterday. A report generally credited in Tokio is that China will sue for peace on the basis of the independence of Korea and the payment of a war indemnity.

Washington, Oct. 21.—A telegram was received at the Japanese Legation this morning, stating that on October 19, upon the assembling of the Diet at Hiroshima, Count Ito, the Prime Minister of Japan, made an elaborate speech in the House of Lords, in which he explained at length the causes of the war between Japan and China, and in the course of the speech he read the correspondence which had passed between the Japanese and Chinese Governments before diplomatic negotiations were suspended and war was declared.

The speech made a deep impression upon the House.

The feeling of the Diet appears to be unanimous in approval of the course pursued by the Government. The universal sentiment is that the war must be continued until it is brought to a triumphant close. The Diet has manifested the greatest willingness to grant everything asked by the Government.

Frankfurt, Oct. 21.—William Liebknecht, leader of the Social-Democracy in Germany, opened the National Social-Democratic Congress here to-day. In an impressive speech, he emphasized the need of party unity. New dangers menaced the Social-Democracy, he said, and the party must be ready to face them as one man.

To-day was the sixteenth anniversary of the promulgation of the repressive laws. It was expected that new and more severe legislation against the Social-Democrats would be introduced, but, although the storms were brewing, the congress would continue to discharge its duties. Fresh repressive measures would be good for the party's discipline, would serve as the hammer under which the present crude iron of the party's organization would become the toughest steel.

The standing committees were elected and the congress adjourned until to-morrow. There are 25 delegates present. These subjects have been added to the programme of the discussion: "Agricultural Labor and Overcrowding of the Cities," "The Berlin Beer Boycott," "Trusts," "King's Socialism," and "Anarchy, Socialism and Anti-Semitism."

Berlin, Oct. 21.—The annual congress of the Social-Democrats opened to-day in Frankfurt-on-the-Main. The "Vorwärts" observes the occurrence by publishing in fourteen columns the Executive Committee's report of the party's doings in the Reichstag. The party finances are, as usual, in good condition. The usual surplus for the general treasury has been left after the payment of all expenses of the agitation. The last paragraph of the report concerns the prosecutions of Social-Democrats since the Congress of 1893. Within the year fifty-eight Socialists have been imprisoned and countless editors and agitators have been fined.

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The case of Deputy Bueh and Comrade Doppler, who declined to take the oath of allegiance after their election to the Reichstag Council, was discussed in the Reichstag. The Reichstag Council, in the course of the discussion, decided to support the Reichstag Council. The Reichstag Council, in the course of the discussion, decided to support the Reichstag Council.

TOPICS IN THE GERMAN CAPITAL.

THE KAISER AND THE ARMY—ENGLAND'S FOREIGN POLICY ASSAILED—LEIST'S SENTENCE.

Berlin, Oct. 21.—The Berlin Social-Democrats were routed in the City Council on Thursday, after a furious debate on the eight-hour day. A Socialist had moved that eight hours be made the legal working day for all municipal employees. The Social-Democrats struggled desperately to fight down the opposition, and made the discussion bitter and tumultuous from beginning to end. The motion was rejected amid a mixed chorus of approval and protest.

In his toast to the Grand-duke of Baden on Thursday, Emperor William again emphasized the duty of the army to maintain his authority. The newspapers are disputing whether, in his Friday's speech, he called the army "the sole pillar" or merely "a pillar" of the monarchy.

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ON THE BRINK OF THE ABYSS

HILL AND GRANT ARE STANDING
THERE TOGETHER.

THE PEOPLE ARE PREPARING TO HURL THEM
TO DESTRUCTION—NOTHING CAN SWEETEN
THE UNSAVORY RECORD OF TAM-
MANY'S OWN CANDIDATE
FOR MAYOR.

It is plain to nine politicians out of ten in New-York and to a great many people who are not politicians that the tide against David B. Hill and Tammany Hall is rising rapidly, surely and irresistibly. As a well-known citizen who rarely takes great interest in politics said yesterday:

"The very air of this town is being impregnated with opposition to the Democratic candidates for Governor and Mayor. It is so pronounced that even the women take notice of it and are predicting a great Republican victory next month."

The nomination of Hugh J. Grant for Mayor, instead of allaying the feeling of detestation and abhorrence which has been developed against Tammany Hall, and which has been growing for months, has intensified and increased it. Mr. Straus had never been affiliated with Tammany Hall, and a great many business men and other good citizens relying solely on his individual reputation for integrity and philanthropy might have voted for him in the expectation that he might be able to give the city a good business administration and to prevent some of the wholesale robbery upon which Tammany Hall has been fattening for the last six years.

TURNING FROM THE RECORD WITH LOATHING.

But these excellent citizens have no excuse now for being misled. The record which Mr. Grant has made as Sheriff and as Mayor of New-York is before them, and they turn from it with loathing and disgust. Mr. Grant's failure to vote for the Broadway railroad steel as Alderman, and the energy he displayed in burying the murderous elective wires three or four years ago, commendable as these may have been, cannot be said to hide from the voters of New-York the record which he made as Mayor.

San Francisco, Oct. 21.—The steamer City of Peking, which arrived here from the Orient this morning, brings additional advice regarding the battle of Ping-Yang. Admiral Yamagata has following report of the battle to headquarters at Hiroshima:

Colonel Saito, Major-General Sakaguchi's body, from Kakegawa, Japan, General Sakaguchi's body, from Kakegawa, Japan, General Sakaguchi's body, from Kakegawa, Japan.

Philip Wiswig, the Hill District Tammany Assembly candidate, one of the "judicious" nominations against which Mr. Grant protested to the committee of leaders who waited on him last Friday, and who they promised should go off the ticket, created a sensation yesterday by visiting Mr. Grant's Union Square headquarters in person.

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ANOTHER TRAIN HELD UP.

WORK OF THE COOK BAND IN INDIAN
TERRITORY.

A CAR RIDDLED WITH BULLETS, BUT ONLY ONE
MAN SHOT—THE ROBBERS GET ONLY \$418
—UNITED STATES MARSHALS ON THE
TRAIN, BUT NOT AWARE OF
THE ROBBERY.

Little Rock, Ark. Oct. 21.—The Kansas and Arkansas Valley passenger train, held up near Wagoner, I. T., last night by train robbers, pulled into the Union Station here at 7 o'clock this evening, more than nine hours late. All the cars except the sleeper were riddled with bullets, one coach containing forty-three bullet holes.

Meanwhile the other robbers had been going through the train demanding the money and valuables of the passengers. Before they had completed their work, a freight train which had followed the passenger closely out of Wagoner, drew in sight, and Cook ordered his followers out of the train. The gang instantly remounted their horses, and, firing a parting volley at the train, rode off in a northerly direction. While the robbers were on the outside kept up a continual firing, which had the desired effect in scaring the passengers and the trainmen and preventing resistance.

When the train was within a few feet of the switch at Corretta a man darted out from behind the embankment and threw the switch, running the train into the siding. It came into collision with the siding, and was brought to a sudden stop. The moment the train stopped the bandits began firing into the forward cars. There were eight men in the gang, who distributed themselves along the side of the train. Two of them mounted the engine and forced the engineer and fireman to alight. They were marched to the express car and threatened the express messenger to open the door of his car. The messenger at first refused to open the door, but as the robbers kept firing through the side of the car he finally obeyed the commands of the robbers and the enterprises of the engineer and fireman, and threw open the door. Two robbers immediately entered and secured all the money in the local safe. They commanded Messenger Ford to open the through safe, but when he explained that the combination was only known at the main office at the end of the line, they left.

H. C. Cook, the station agent at Fort Gibson, who has been held up five times during the past month, was among the passengers. He tells a thrilling story of last night's robbery. He was compelled to resign his place for fear he would be killed by bandits. His story of last night's hold-up corroborates the particulars received by Superintendent McKee to-day.

Train No. 223 left Wagoner on time, and not arriving at Fort Gibson at 10:05 p. m., a dispatch was received from the operator at Wagoner that the conductor of a Missouri, Kansas and Texas train reported that he heard a number of shots fired and a noise like a collision. At 11:15 p. m. a section man came into Fort Gibson and reported that the conductor of train No. 223 told him to go to Fort Gibson and report the train run in on a siding, and that it was being robbed and a man had been shot. Train No. 223 backed into Wagoner and reported as above, adding that three cars were badly wrecked, one car being across the main track and that it would take two hours to clear the track.

The worktrain with tool car was ordered to clear the track.

One man named Mahara was shot and left at Wagoner in charge of a physician, who says he is dangerously injured. Mahara is the advance agent of Mahara's Minstrels. No one else was injured.

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BLOWN UP BY GIANT POWDER

FIVE MEN KILLED AND THREE FATALLY
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PREMATURE EXPLOSIONS ON THE DRAINAGE
CANAL NEAR CHICAGO RESULT DIS-
ASTROUSLY.

Joliet, Ill., Oct. 21.—Two explosions of giant powder in Ricker, Lee & Co.'s camp, on the Drainage Canal last night, resulted in the killing of five laborers, while three others were so badly maimed that they will die. Both explosions were caused by premature blasts. The first explosion took place at 9 o'clock and caused the death of two men. By the second explosion, which occurred several hours later, three men were killed outright and three were fatally injured.

The dead men have not yet been identified as their companions died when the accidents occurred and have not since returned.

The injured men were brought to this city for medical treatment. Their names are John Smith, Henry Collins and Thomas Potter. All three will probably die before morning.

THE DREW POKED HER NOSE ON WASH-
INGTON POINT ROCKS.

OTHER ADVENTURES CAUSED BY THE WHITE
CLOUD WHICH COVERED THE WATERS—
FAIR WEATHER TO-DAY.

A dense fog hung over the rivers and bays about this city yesterday morning, and though it lifted somewhat in the afternoon it was thick weather all day. In the evening the fog changed to fine rain, and on Monday morning the water was covered by the fog and several accidents to tugs and steamers were reported.

At 7:30 o'clock in the morning the steamer Drew, of the People's Line to Albany, ran ashore on Washington Point, about half a mile below Spuyten Duyvil. The Drew had 100 passengers on board, one-third of whom were women and children.

The fog closed in when the Drew was off West Point, and the steamer came slowly and cautiously down stream. Just above Riverdale the fog was so thick that Captain Rice, of the Drew, decided to anchor for awhile. When the fog lifted a little he proceeded toward the city. When he passed Tubby Hook, off Inwood, he mistook it for Washington Point and ran aground on the rocks. The water was so shallow that the steamer struck the rocks and the hull was damaged. The passengers were rescued and the steamer was towed off.

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